



**PATENT**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 25, 2004. Accompanying this Response is a Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 CFR §136(a) extending the period for response by 2 months, to and including March 25, 2005, a RCE Transmittal, and the necessary fees. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees, including for extensions of time or other relief as required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No.:A-68718-4/(463037-220) RFT/RMS).

**Pending Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including replacement sheets of formal drawings is attached following the Remarks.